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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN INDIAN INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SENAPATI, MANIPUR (IITM), AND INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY BHUBANESWAR (IITBBS), ODISHA

Signed on this the 14th day of November 2025 with following terms:-

1. Scope:-

The scope of collaboration on academic and research activities in this Memorandum of Understanding is in the following categories:

- 1.1. Academic and Research Collaboration in areas of mutual interest.
- 1.2. Sharing of Research and Instrumentation Facilities and participation in institute-level joint research proposals.
- 1.3. Exchange of Academic and Scholarly Information, Materials, and Publications based on mutual agreements.
- 1.4. Exchange of Students and Faculty Members for academic, research, and training purposes.
- 1.5. Joint Organization of Seminars, Workshops, Conferences, and Other Academic Events to promote collaborative learning and research.

2. Students Exchange:-

Pursuant to the understanding for academic exchange, IITM and IITBBS will exchange students in accordance with the terms laid out in **Annexure 1**. Both parties desire to facilitate a significant flow of students in both directions, based on mutual agreements.

3. Research Collaboration:-

Faculty members from both institutions shall collaborate in the supervision of exchange students and in undertaking joint research in disciplines of mutual interest. The research and instrumentation facilities of both institutions shall be utilized in a collaborative manner. Efforts shall be made to form joint groups or clusters to maximize the synergistic benefits of the partnership. All such joint research activities shall be governed by the terms and conditions specified in **Annexure 2**.

4. Admission of up to top 10% of the students of IITM to Direct PhD Admission at IITBBS:-

IITM and IIT BBS agree to facilitate up to the top 10% of students depending on vacancy and requirement (at the end of the 6th semester) of IITM, having a CGPA of 8.0 or higher, to pursue their 7th and 8th semesters of the B.Tech. programme at IITBBS, in accordance with the terms specified in **Annexure 3**. Upon completion of the 8th semester, if these students maintain a CGPA of 8.0 or higher and express their willingness to pursue a Ph.D. at IIT BBS, they shall be considered for direct admission to the Ph.D. programme at IITBBS without any written test or interview.

5. Commencement, renewal, termination and amendment:-

5.1. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) shall come into effect upon the signatures of the authorized representatives of both partner institutions and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years from the date of signing. The MoU may be renewed upon its expiry by mutual agreement between the two institutions.

5.2. If either institution intends to terminate the MoU at the end of the five-year period, it shall notify the other institution in writing not less than six (6) months prior to the expiry of the MoU.

5.3. This MoU, including any renewal thereof, and the actions undertaken pursuant to it, may be reviewed at any time. Modifications or amendments may be made by mutual consent, and any such amendment or extension shall be formalized through an exchange of letters between the two parties.

6. General Provisions:

6.1. Any other activity, having financial implication shall be organized by separate agreement.

6.2. The terms of this MOU shall govern the relationship between the Parties and shall supersede any previous understandings, commitments, MOUs, correspondences or representations in respect of the subject matter. No terms or conditions endorsed upon, delivered or contained in IITBBS's quotation, acknowledgement or acceptance of the MOU, specification or similar document will form part of the MOU unless acknowledged so by the authorized representative in writing and IITBBS waives any right it otherwise might have to rely on such terms and conditions. No variation to any terms or conditions of this MOU shall be valid unless expressly agreed in writing by all the parties.

6.3. Any modifications or amendments to this MOU shall be valid only if they are made in writing and duly signed by authorized representatives of all the parties of this MOU.

6.4. Nothing in this MOU shall, or shall be deemed to, create an agency, a partnership, a joint venture, an association or a relationship of employer and employee, principal and agent or master and servant between the Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this MOU shall prevent or restrict both the parties from entering into parallel MOU/MOU with other parties for services similar or related to the Services.

6.5. Unless otherwise specifically stated, the parties shall retain all rights and remedies, both under the MOU and at law, which either may have against the other.

6.6. If any provision of this MOU is prohibited, invalid or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, that provision will, as to that jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of the prohibition, invalidity or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions of this MOU or affecting the validity or enforceability of that provision in any other jurisdiction, unless it materially alters the nature or material terms of this MOU.

6.7. The provisions of this MOU are solely for the benefit of the both Parties. No other person is intended to have, nor will have, any rights whatsoever, under this MOU, whether for injury, loss or damage to person(s) or property or for economic loss.

6.8. IIT Manipur shall defend, indemnify and hold IIT BBS, its directors, officials & employees etc., harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, costs, damages and expenses (including court costs and legal fees) in connection with any claim made by any third party (including, but not limited to, any claim made by any governmental or statutory authority) against the IIT BBS arising out of or in connection with the performance by the parties of their obligations under this MOU.

6.9. During the operation of the MoU, if any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or relating to this agreement arises then the same will be mutually solved by the parties through good faith negotiation. If the dispute remains unresolved after thirty (30) days, either party may request that the other Party participate in mediation, and the other Party shall consider such request in good faith. If the dispute cannot be resolved by the said mediation, the matter shall be resolved by arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 and as amended from time to time, in the English language.

The venue of arbitration shall be in Odisha. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding on the Parties.

6.10. This MOU may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this MOU and all of which, when taken together, will constitute one and the same instrument.

For

**Indian Institute of Information Technology
Senapati, Manipur represented by:**



14/11/2025

**Prof. Dr. Krishnan Baskar
Director, IIT Senapati, Manipur**

For

**Indian Institute of Technology
Bhubaneswar represented by:**



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**Prof. Dr. Shreepad Karmalkar
Director, IIT Bhubaneswar, Odisha**

Annexure 1

1. Students participating in the exchange programme shall be classified as Special Exchange Students. Such students shall be permitted to register for courses on credit or audit basis and may also participate in research activities or project work at the host institution.
2. In all cases, the consent of the concerned course instructor and/or project or research supervisor shall be required. Such consent shall take into account, among other factors, whether the student possesses the necessary pre-requisites for the proposed course or project.
3. The participating students shall continue to pay tuition and related fees to IITM during their stay at IITBBS for the 7th and 8th semesters. Students need to pay hostel and related charges to IITBBS during their stay.
4. The course credits earned by exchange students shall be determined and approved by the home institution, in accordance with its academic regulations and curriculum.
5. The number of students participating and the duration of the exchange shall be decided on a case-by-case basis, through mutual consultation between the two institutions.
6. Normally, participants shall not spend more than one academic year under the exchange programme.
7. All participants shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the host institution during their period of stay and study.

Selection and Nomination:-

1. The nomination of students under the Student Exchange Programme shall be completed by the end of the 6th semester of their respective academic programmes.
2. Each student nomination shall be accompanied by the following documents:
 - Curriculum Vitae (CV) of the student.
 - Statement of Aptitude from a faculty member of the student's department or school.
 - Detailed Outline of the student's academic programme at the home institution, along with a Statement of Objectives outlining the student's purpose and goals for participation in the exchange programme.
3. When a nomination is forwarded by the home institution, it is presumed that the home Institution considers the student suitable for the proposed program and consents to send the student if selected by the host institution.

4. The host institution shall review all nominations and determine the suitability of candidates for selection under the Student Exchange Programme, in accordance with its academic and administrative criteria.
5. Where an exchange student is pursuing a research or implementation project as part of a B.Tech. (or equivalent) degree programmes, the host institution shall assign a suitable faculty member to jointly assist or supervise the student—alongside the supervisor from the home institution, where applicable. The host faculty member shall assist in the formulation or execution of the research project as required.
6. The host institution shall promptly inform the home institution of any academic, disciplinary, or other issues arising during the student's period of study or residence. Such matters shall be addressed in accordance with the established policies and procedures of the host institution, in consultation with the home institution, to ensure appropriate resolution.

Annexure 2

1. Proposals for collaborative research work under this Memorandum shall be submitted with the prior approval of the Head of each Institution, or his/her designated nominee.
2. Each institution shall nominate one faculty member as its representative in charge of the collaborative programme. Individual programmes of work under this Memorandum shall be jointly planned and conducted by the nominated representatives of both institutions.
3. The progress of each individual programme shall be periodically reviewed and approved by the designated authorities of both institutions.
4. The final approval and implementation of any collaborative research project shall be subject to the availability of confirmed financial support from appropriate sources.
5. Neither IIITM nor IITBBS shall be held responsible for any liability incurred by the other party, and neither institution shall be required to purchase insurance against loss or damage to any property arising from activities conducted under this Memorandum.

Each collaborative activity shall be governed by a separate agreement or contract, to be executed jointly by both institutions, addressing specific matters such as Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), funding arrangements, confidentiality, and information disclosure.

Annexure 3

Admission of upto Top 10% of B.Tech. Students of IIITM to the Direct Ph.D. Programme at IITBBS

Norms for Admission of up to Top 10% of B.Tech. Students of IIITM to the Ph.D. Programme at IITBBS

- a) Up to the top 10% of B.Tech. students from IIITM who have obtained a CGPA of 8.0 or higher at the end of their 6th semester shall be eligible to apply to spend their 7th and 8th semesters at IITBBS.
- b) The selected students shall move to IITBBS at the end of their 6th semester at IIITM to undertake a summer internship at IITBBS. At the end of summer internship, the students shall continue at IITBBS for their 7th and 8th semesters.
- c) The academic credit earned during the year (7th and 8th semesters) at IITBBS shall be considered equivalent to the credits required for the 4th year of the B.Tech. programme at IIITM. These credits shall be transferred to IIITM, which shall award the B.Tech. degree to the students.
- d) In the event that a student does not perform satisfactorily in the courses at IITBBS, the student shall be transferred back to IIITM, along with the credits earned up to that point.
- e) Upon completion of the 8th semester, if a student has maintained a CGPA of 8.0 or higher and expresses a willingness to pursue a Ph.D. at IITBBS, the student shall be admitted directly to the Ph.D. programme at IITBBS without the requirement of GATE, written test, or interview.
- f) Once admitted, the student shall follow the rules and regulations governing the Direct Ph.D. programme at IITBBS.
- g) The students selected for admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be eligible for Institute Fellowship for a period of five years. Students meeting the eligibility criteria for PMRF (Prime Minister's Research Fellowship) at IITBBS shall be nominated for PMRF consideration by the institution.
- h) The students admitted to the direct Ph.D. programme (means after BTech) at IITBBS shall be awarded both MS.R and Ph.D. degrees, upon successful completion of the Ph.D. programme, as per the prevailing regulations of IITBBS.

Specific Operational Aspects Agreed to by IIITM and IITBBS

8. IIITM shall make an internal announcement to all B.Tech. students in the top 10% of their class at the end of the 6th semester (based on the CGPA calculated up to the 5th semester), encouraging such students to apply to spend their 7th and 8th semesters of the B.Tech. programme at IITBBS. Applications shall be invited by 30th March every year.
9. IIITM shall encourage and recommend eligible students to undertake a summer internship at IITBBS immediately following the completion of their 6th semester.
10. IIITM shall share the contact details of eligible students with the Dean (Academics), IITBBS for further coordination.
11. After scrutiny of the received applications, the Dean (Academics), IITBBS shall prepare and forward the list of selected students to IIITM, and shall also inform the selected students accordingly.
12. IIITM shall grant permission to the selected students to pursue their 7th and 8th semesters of the B.Tech. programme at IITBBS.
13. IIITM shall provide necessary curricular flexibility to enable these students to complete the required credits toward the award of the B.Tech. degree. The detailed plan of courses to be undertaken at IITBBS shall be jointly decided by the respective faculty advisors of both institutions.
14. The academic credits earned by the students during their 7th and 8th semesters at IITBBS shall be transferred to IIITM. IIITM shall accept the transferred credits and award the B.Tech. degree to the students upon fulfilment of its degree requirements.
15. These students shall not be eligible to participate in campus placement activities at IITBBS at the end of their first year of study there.
16. Students must maintain a minimum overall CGPA of 8.0 in their B.Tech. programme to become eligible for admission to the Direct Ph.D. Programme at IITBBS. Such students shall be admitted directly to the Ph.D. programme without the requirement of GATE qualification, written test, or interview, subject to submission of an application.
17. Upon admission to the Direct Ph.D. programme, the students shall be governed by the Ph.D. Ordinances and Regulations of IITBBS.